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	Group Art Unit	3679
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Serial No.: 10/688,422 )Art Unit:  
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Title: SLIP COUPLING FOR PIPE, AND )Examiner:  
 )METHOD OF USING A SLIP COUPLING )BOCHNA, D.  
 )IN PIPELINES FOR COLLECTION OF )  
 )LANDFILL GAS )  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT - TRANSMITTAL**

1. Transmitted herewith is a RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT for this application.

## **STATUS**

2. Applicant is a small entity.  
 other than a small entity.  
 Applicant hereby asserts s

## **EXTENSION OF TERM**

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.136 apply.

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(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

(a)  Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 (fees: 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(1)-(4) for the total number of months checked below.

EXTENSION (months)	FEE FOR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 120.00	\$ 60.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 450.00	\$ 225.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 510.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$ 1,590.00	\$ 795.00

FEE: \$

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefore.

(check and complete the next time, if applicable)

An extension for \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefore of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

OR

(b)  Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

**FEE FOR CLAIMS**

4. The fee for claims (37 CFR § 1.16(b)-(d) has been calculated as shown below:

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CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	
TOTAL		MINUS	=	x \$25 =	\$
INDEP.		MINUS	=	x \$100 =	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM			+ \$180 =	\$	
			TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE	\$	

(complete (c) or (d), as applicable)

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(c)  No additional fee for claims is required.

OR

(d)  Total additional fee for claims required \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

**FEE PAYMENT**

5.  Attached is a check in the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

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\$ \_\_\_\_\_.

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**FEE DEFICIENCY**

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**AND/OR**

If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Account  
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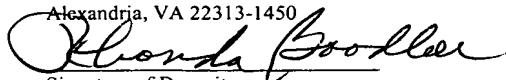
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This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 20, 2004.

ELECTION

The applicant elects Claims 1-61, drawn to a slip coupling, classified in class 285, subclass 368.